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President Clinton's FY2001 Civil Works Budget

President Clinton's budget transmitted to Congress Feb. 7, includes \$4.064 billion for the Corps of Engineers' Civil Works program. In addition, the program will include \$322 million in nonfederal contributions and trust fund receipts.

Funding in this request will be used to continue the development of the nation's water resources, the efficient operations, maintenance and management of the nation's navigation, flood damage reduction, and multiple-purpose projects, the equitable regulation of wetlands, and the restoration of important environmental resources, such as the South Florida Ecosystem. The budget also begins to address some of the Corps' long-term water resources infrastructure maintenance requirements.

"This budget request is one of the largest we have received and is a good first step in recapitalizing the nation's water resources infrastructure," Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard, Chief of Engineers for the Corps said. "We need to reinvest in this infrastructure to support continued national economic growth and this budget includes several initiatives that put us on the right course."

Details of the FY01 Civil Works Budget, including state-by-state information, are available by selecting Programs Management at the Civil Works Directorate World Wide Web site: www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw.

ERDC Town Hall Meeting

1. There will be an ERDC Town Hall Meeting on Feb. 16 at 1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Dr. Link and Col. Cababa will conduct the meeting, which will be broadcast from the Vicksburg site.

2. The meeting will be interactive across all four ERDC sites with real-time questions and answers available.

3. You may participate in the town hall at the following locations:

- Alexandria - TEC Conference Room (host, Mr. Capece)
- Champaign - VTC room, CERL Tng/Conf Room*, cafeteria*
(host, Mr. Schanche)
- Hanover - CRREL Auditorium (host, Dr. Ronald Liston)
- Vicksburg - WES Auditorium
Bldg 8000 (Rooms 1124 and 1033)*
Bldg 1006 (Rooms 255 and 201)*

Bldg 1000 (Cafeteria and PAO Foyer)*
Bldg 3288 (Video Dist. Center)*
Bldg 3200 (front lobby)*
Bldg 3296 (Conf Rooms 1,2,3,4 and lobby)*
Bldg 3396 (Main Conf Room)*

* not interactive

4. Please note that some locations are video only. If you anticipate asking a question you should try to attend the interactive location at you site.

5. This will be the first time we have had an ERDC-wide meeting, which is interactive and available to all team members. We will be refining and improving our procedures and systems and will be conducting future meeting from all four sites.

New Passwords Effective Feb. 22

It is time once again for the Corps of Engineers to change passwords. This time the password change is because of firewall installations throughout the Corps.

This is an advance notification that, effective Feb. 22, your u4 userid passwords will be changing. There will be three separate passwords. They are a LOGON password for accessing a Corps computer system, a DATABASE password for database applications, such as CEFMS, and a DIALIN password to dial-in to the Corps' CEAP network.

Information Technology Lab members will distribute the new password information the week of Feb. 14. However, if you wish to obtain your new passwords prior to Feb. 14, contact Larry Cook at ICOM 2427.

DSN for WES site

The ERDC WES site recently added the Defense Switched Network (DSN) service to the telephone system. The DSN telephone network is a private network connecting government sites. All ERDC employees at Vicksburg now have a DSN number that they can distribute to other government sites that have DSN capabilities. The telephone number consists of "446" plus the existing four digit extension. For example, a valid DSN number at the Vicksburg site is 446-3111. To call an off-site DSN number from ERDC at Vicksburg dial the access number "87" plus the DSN number. There will be a variable usage charge associated with each call depending on location called and time of day. If you have any problems with this new service, call the operator by dialing "0."

Performance Ratings Website

The memo: Summary Statistics for Performance Ratings Under Lab Demo has been posted to the ERDC Intranet and can be viewed at <http://erdcinfo.erd.usace.army.mil/hr/index.htm>.

Travel update

Here is the current schedule for approving travel in CEFMS:

Feb. 7-11	Betty O'Donnell	(603) 646-4355/4356
Feb. 14-18	Vicki Ray	(601) 643-2378
Feb. 21-25	Terri Norman	(217) 373-6708
Feb. 28- Mar. 3	Betty O'Donnell	(603) 646-4355/4356

Please note: If you are not sure who is signing, please forward an e-mail to each of us and we will ensure your request is taken care of by the appropriate person.

Dr. Mather to retire

Dr. Bryant Mather, Director of the ERDC Structures Laboratory will retire on Feb. 16.

Commander's mailbox

ERDC team members are reminded that an electronic mailbox has been established to allow employees to send questions and/or comments to the Commander. If an employee wishes to remain anonymous, his or her name will be deleted from the question before it is forwarded to the Commander for comment. Employees' questions will be answered via return e-mail. Answers to anonymous and frequently asked questions will be posted in the Employee Information Bulletin.

The address in Outlook is, "ERDC Commander." Again, all information is kept strictly confidential and all questions are addressed directly by the Commander.

ERDC publications on Internet

The ERDC Publication Bulletin serves as the official notification of new ERDC forms and publication, as well as rescissions or changes to existing forms or publications. As of Sept. 10, 1999, ERDC official publications ceased to be printed (i.e., Center Regulations, Circulars, Pamphlets, or Commander's Policy Memoranda). All ERDC official publications are now distributed in electronic format on the ERDC web site located at <http://erdc.usace.army.mil/pubs/index.htm>.

Departures

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Date</u>
Cheryl Jordan	FDD	Feb. 13

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Condolences

Condolences are extended to Cidney Dickerson on the death of her father, Mr. Donald Jenkins who passed away on Jan. 31.

Blood Drive

The TEC Blood Drive is scheduled for Feb. 18 at the Casey Building in Rooms 140A and B. For more information, contact Connie Dutton, TEC's Blood Drive Coordinator at ICOM 2290.